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1. [] Received a call from Mr. Bernard Poirier, Special Assistant to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who told me that the Senator was requesting our assistance in a matter relating to their office. []

[] has apparently dropped out of sight in the last day or so after a message to his parents "that he had gotten involved in several things including CIA and was leaving the country immediately." I told Mr. Poirier that we would be pleased to provide such information that would be available here at Headquarters but that the problem is one for referral to the State Department for their action. He thanked me and said that he would contact Assistant Secretary Abshire's office. After checking with [] FE Division, I called Mr. Poirier and told him that we have no record of any contact with [] the name he had given me on the previous call. Mr. Poirier said the State Department is now working on the matter and thanked me for our assistance.

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2. [] I received a call from Mr. Raymond O'Neill, Office of Security Management, DOD, who told me that they are processing the travel of Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas) for a trip to the Middle East starting on 4 January. Senator Bentsen will be accompanied by Colonel William B. Arnold, Air Force escort officer. Mr. O'Neill will forward a copy of the itinerary and clearances to me through [] OS. []

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3. [] Messrs. Maury and [] met with Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed them on the current situation in Laos; intelligence community structure; the FY 1972 Agency budget and staff personnel strength; and "deficiencies" in the present espionage laws. Chairman Nedzi also asked about the status of the Deputy Director's position and discussed some of the recent press coverage he has received. See Memorandum for the Record.

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11. [REDACTED] In response to his request, I left with James T. Kendall, Chief Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigating, Armed Services Committee, unclassified material on the intelligence community, especially the United States Intelligence Board. On the basis of a quick look at the papers, Kendall said this was exactly what he wanted and thanked us for a prompt response.

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12. [REDACTED] Advised James Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, that the compartmented clearances for Charles Lombard were ready and we could brief Lombard and the rest of the Committee staff at Gehrig's convenience on the status of Soviet space programs. Gehrig advised me that the staffing situation with Senator Curtis as Ranking Minority member has changed somewhat from what it has been in the past, and he asked that I get back in touch with him in the near future before finalizing Lombard's clearance and signing him up.

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13. [REDACTED] Advised Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on our input to the State Department in their preparation of a coordinated Executive Branch comment to the Foreign Relations Committee on S. Res. 192. Ticer thought the points we had raised were good ones and added that there was no real pressure on this resolution in the Armed Services Committee at this time. (S. Res. 192 has been referred jointly to both the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees.)

I advised Ticer of the latest developments with respect to the Ervin bill (S. 1438) and of our contact with Senator Eastland and our plans to see Senator Thurmond.

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14. [REDACTED] Picked up from George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, a copy of a study "Comments on Recent USSR Work on Laser-Driven Fusion (U)" by Keith A. Brueckner and Raymond A. Grandey of KMS Fusion, Inc., in response to a request from [REDACTED]. Murphy also provided me with a copy of an AEC letter concerning this study which he wanted handled on an "eyes only" basis. These have been passed on to [REDACTED] and will be returned to the Committee.

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25X1 9. [REDACTED] At his request, I met briefly with Mr. Richard Moose, Staff Consultant, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, who asked if we could assist the Committee in getting copies of the Executive Order or whatever that underlies the President's announcement of 5 November concerning the reorganization of the intelligence community. I told Mr. Moose that I had discussed this matter with Jim Lowenstein, of the Committee staff, before he went into the hospital and had advised Mr. Lowenstein that the Federal Register of 8 November listing the Presidential documents of the week of the 5th identified a single document that was identical in text to the published release of 5 November. Mr. Moose commented that apparently the Committee will have to address its question to the White House to which I agreed.

25X1 10. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Robert Biles, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and gave him a map for use in coming to Headquarters next Tuesday, 7 December. Messrs. Biles and Blum and Miss Ann Hollick will be meeting with Mr. George Carver, SAVA, to discuss a series of questions on the "Pentagon Papers." See Journal of 1 December.

25X1 12. [REDACTED] At his request, I met with Mr. Thad Murray, Executive Assistant to Senator William Spong (D., Va.). Mr. Murray told me the Senator has received a request from a close friend requesting

25X1 13. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Phillip Trimble, Arms Control, International Law and Organization Subcommittee staff of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, as a followup to the meeting of Wednesday with Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, and gave him the number of Chinese R-class submarines.

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